

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claims 4 and 5 without prejudice and amended claims 6, 8 and 9. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendment to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected claim 9 under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, as failing to provide sufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "cylindrical block". Applicant has amended the dependency of claim 9 to provide the antecedent basis and respectfully submits that claim 9 now complies with 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 6-9 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6-9 are now allowable.

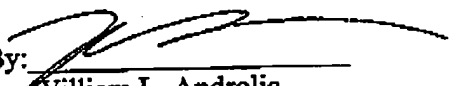
Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a three-month extension of time so as to respond to the Office Action. Please charge Deposit Account No. 11-1445 in the sum of \$980.00 as the fee.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

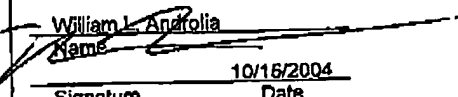
Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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